

The Sumner County Health Council



The Sumner County Health Council was developed after a meeting between Tennessee Department of Health Community Development Staff and local county officials. The County Health Department Director along with the Regional Community Development Staff collaborated in January of 1997 to develop a list of potential council members. Prospective members were contacted and invited to a meeting to be held January 19, 1997. At this meeting, prospective members were introduced to the “Community Diagnosis” process and to the roles and responsibilities of the newly formed Sumner County Health Council. A list of current members is included as “Attachment A”. It is important to note that this list does not represent the initial membership, as a result of the addition and deletion of members throughout the existence of the Council.

During early meetings of the Council, the group adopted the overall mission of Community Diagnosis:

“To promote the health of Sumner County residents by identifying priorities, establishing goals, and determining courses of action to improve the health status of the community by participating in the ‘Community Diagnosis’ Process. Through this process we will, at a minimum, :

- ◆ Provide justification for budget improvement requests submitted to the State Legislature
- ◆ Provide to state-level programs and their regional office personnel information that fosters better planning, promotion, and coordination of prevention and intervention strategies at the local level;